# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills PO Box 14 Norway, ME 04268

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Our mission: The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is a diverse group of service-oriented men and women providing hands on and financial support within our community and beyond. We exemplify "Service Above Self" while encouraging high ethical standards, enjoying friendship and promoting world understanding, peace and good will."

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#### **2023-2024 Officers:**

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7780 Governor: Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Dan Allen – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Vacant – Vocational Service Chair: Vacant - Community Service Chair: Vacant - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

#### **Home Club of PDG George Rice**

<u>Good Morning and Welcome!</u> Today is the 298th day of 2023. There are 67 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Lucy Abbott from the Bethel club who is a member of the Rotary Indigenous Peoples of North America and Eastern Canada focus group. Curtis Cole is our greeter.

Please let John know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can text or call John at 207-461-7158 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com">griffs2@roadrunner.com</a>. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

#### October:

30 - Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

#### November:

- 1 Warren Spencer and Connor Burnam
- 8 Students of the Month and Michael Carter. Due to wreath making at the church, we will be meeting at the South Paris Legion Hall on Church Street. We will be having donuts, coffee and breakfast pizza.
- 15 District Governor Visit and Dan Allen
- 22 Dan Allen and Val Weston
- 29 Michael Carter and Chris Summers

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Visiting Rotarians were Bruce Powell from Bethel, Natalie Donais from Suffield, Connecticut and Lois Strauss from Estero Florida. Lois's husband, Bob Wilgosz, was her guest.

## Announcements:

<u>President Beth</u> – cards are circulating for Linda on her retirement from the kitchen and for Lynne Schott who has been at Stephens Memorial for the last several days and will be moving to Norway Center for Living and Rehabilitation shortly for physical therapy.

We received an invitation to PP Roy Earle's 99.9 year birthday open house on Sunday, October 22, from 1-3 PM. It seems that, at the end of his year as president, Roy gave his club officers a bottle of wine that he brought back from California as a thank-you gift. That wine is now 21 years old. Beth and Patty still have theirs and they intend to give it back to Roy as a birthday gift. Roy will turn 100 next spring, but he and Linda will be in California.

We made \$1,884.37 for Polio Plus at our Road Toll last Sunday. With the Gates Foundation matching gift, that triples to \$5,653.11. Thanks to Bob, Beth, Connor, John, George, Jeff and Patty for their outstanding in the road.

**PP** Chris Summers presented Linda with the card we signed and a gift on her retirement.

### Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test as usual. Dan A. led us in song and Lois Strauss gave the blessing.

PP Chris Summers was program chair and was his own guest speaker. A couple of years ago, Chris gave up self-employment as an electrician and took the position of code enforcement officer for the town of Paris. He talked about the various rules and regulations required for existing buildings and new construction and the differences between state law and local ordinances. There are codes for everything! I could not keep up with Chris, but I did look up the general duties of a code enforcement officer:

- inspecting buildings, properties, and businesses to ensure they comply with various codes and regulations
- Responding to complaints regarding violations, issuing warnings and citations, and working with property owners to address issues
- Performing vehicle and foot patrols to investigate and enforce animal control, parking, and other nuisance ordinances
- Issuing permits, fines, stop work orders, and other enforcement actions
- Creating reports and documenting violations
- Educating citizens about local ordinances
- Researching and interpreting codes

<u>50-50:</u> Patty drew Dave Preble's number but Dave drew the Ace of Spades. Sorry, David. There was \$20 in the pot.

# **Happy and Sad Dollars**

**Bruce Powell** brought greetings from the Bethel club and told us to get ready for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next June!

<u>Lois</u> had sad dollars as she and Bob prepare to leave for Florida. She said she was proud to be a member of her club in Estero and that next year when she and Bob return for the summer, Bob will be a Rotarian.

**Ron** had sad dollars for Laura's sister's funeral this past week, but he had happy and thank-you dollars for Natalie being with them and organizing everything for them and their family.

**<u>Bob</u>** told us that Lynne fell out of her chair last Thursday at 4:00 AM and then after a couple more falls, ended up in Stephens Memorial. She is now at Norway Center for Living and Rehabilitation for physical therapy and is improving.

## This week: A pun and a riddle:

I can't find my "Gone in 60 Seconds" video. It was right here a minute ago.

The first two letters represent a man, the first three letters represent a woman, the first four letters represent a great man and the word as a whole represents a great woman. What is the word?

## World Polio Day – October 24, 2023

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

October Birthdays: Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26; Jeff Noblin – 10/30

October Anniversaries: Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Michael & Beth Abbott – 10/11

October Membership Anniversaries: Glenn Huntley – 39 yrs. – 10/3; Connor Burnam – 1 yr. – 10/5; Chris Summers – 11 yrs. – 10/12; Tina Fox – 7 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 30 yrs. – 10/20

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel www.bethelrotary.org

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Stella's on the Square, 6 North High St., Bridgton www.lakeregionrotary.org

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg www.fryeburgrotary.org

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.